



REMARKS

The above-identified patent application has been reviewed in light of the Examiner's Action dated December 20, 2000. The Examiner has rejected Claims 38-71 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-12 of US Patent No. 5,340,742 and Claims 1-2 of US Patent No. 5,518,918. As noted by the Examiner a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome a rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. Enclosed herewith Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Applicants submit that this disclaimer is sufficient to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection with respect to Claims 1-12 of US Patent No. 5,340,742 and Claims 1-2 of US Patent No. 5,518,918.

Applicants have added new claims 72, 73 and 74. Support for these new claims can be found in the specification at page 17, line 12 through page 18, line 28. Applicants submit that these new claims depend from allowed independent claims and are therefore themselves allowable.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. In the event that the Examiner has any questions regarding Applicants' position, the Examiner is invited to contact the below named attorney at (303) 863-9700.

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